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FIFTEEN cars on a westbound Southern freight train derailed about 3 a.m. Friday morning at Barnard, about 11 miles from Marshall. Most of the cars were empty but at least one car was loaded with loose corn. From appearances, the cars derailed several hundred feet from where they piled up when

one car plowed into a steep bank. There were no injuries. Cause of the derailment was not known. Large crews in addition to a work train were quickly at the scene. Train traffic was restored early Saturday morning. (Photos by Jim Story)

## \$100,000 Sought For Health Center

The Hot Springs health program is now preparing final application for a \$100,000 ARC grant to be used for the construction of a new medical center in the Laurel section of Madison County. The proposed facility will be used to accommodate a full-time physician's assistant, clinical aide and receptionist. Part-time physician coverage and part-time pharmacist coverage is also planned.

A community building committee is presently looking for a suitable site for the facility. Ar-

chitectural design and programming will commence the first of February with construction beginning in July of 1979 pending a successful grant application. A fund drive will be conducted between now and the time of the grant award in order to raise all or part of the 20 percent matching requirement.

"This project will provide a modern medical facility for the staff of the present Laurel clinic to work in and will benefit all the residents of the Laurel area who wish to use it," officials of the Hot Springs health program stated.

## Err Behind The Wheel And You Pay Twice

The risk of losing your license is far higher than the average motorist realizes. Something to think about before you nose the family car out into the traffic. There's a double whammy in store for mistakes. Do

something wrong and you'll find that both state government and the company which insures you will post penalty points.

Unless the offense is a serious one, or unless you're particularly error prone, the state's penalty points serve largely as a warning.

Not so the insurance company's. Those are expensive.

Add them together and you'll be walking.

Get blue-lighted for speeding over 75 miles an hour this weekend, or any other day in North Carolina and your insurance premium will double... for three years. It won't make much difference for a few months, because you won't be driving any way; the state automatically picks up your driver's license for speeding over 70 miles per hour.

Get caught driving under the influence and you'll pay four and a half times as much for your insurance the next time your premium comes due. Again, it won't matter for a while because you won't be going anywhere behind the wheel.

The state's message in that case is clear: if you're going to imbibe, get a chauffeur who doesn't. It'll be a lot cheaper for you and a lot safer for everybody.

Either that or stay off the

highway. Nobody takes that advise, so the next best thing is to make sure you know what it's going to cost... in dollars and inconvenience... if you mess up out there behind the wheel.

State government (the Department of Motor Vehicles) and automobile insurance agencies operate on two entirely different point systems intended to penalize unsafe drivers. Both are based on convictions for traffic citations.

For some offenses, the most serious, state government will automatically suspend your license. It has the authority to suspend it if you accumulate as many as 12 points in three years even for comparatively minor law violations.

Insurance agencies have a simpler system: convictions cost money. The more serious the conviction, the more points you get, and the more money it costs. And it's three years before there is any relief.

The DMV will automatically lift your license for conviction of driving under the influence, speeding over 70 miles per hour, two moving violations over 55 miles per hour in a single year, manslaughter, accumulating 12 points over a three-year period, causing a death by vehicle, and more.

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## Dedication Of M-W Medical Center Set

Tentative plans have been announced for the dedication of the Marshall-Walnut Medical Center on Jan. 15 in the Little Theatre at Madison High School. The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the unveiling of plaques will follow at the M-W Center

between Marshall and Walnut. Former Gov. Bob Scott, federal co-chairman of Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D.C., will be the principal speaker.

Final plans will be announced in next week's issue.

## New Members Named To County Aging Bd.

Six new members have been named to the Madison County council on Aging board, it has been announced by the Madison County Commissioners. The board meets the first Monday afternoon of each month in the Keenagers Room of the New Child Care Center on Long Branch Road. The new members are Mrs. J.V. Howell, Mrs. Ernie Letterman, and Mrs. Helen Lamkin of Mars Hill; Mrs. Ervin Adams of Laurel; Mrs. Clara McDevitt of Walnut and

Mrs. Kathleen Riddle of Hot Springs.

Mrs. Lucile Burnette of Walnut is chairperson of the board. Other members are Mrs. Virginia Anderson and Mrs. Sue Pangle of Hot Springs; Mrs. Anna Fox, Mrs. Roy Young and Mrs. Lucille English of Mars Hill; Mrs. Oleta Shelton and Mrs. Rena Shelton of Laurel.

Due to the New Year's holiday, the next meeting of the group will be Jan. 8 at 1:00 at the Child Care Center.



## Patriot Girls Win Blue Ridge Cage Tournament

The Madison Patriot girls won the Blue Devil Invitational Tournament by beating East Henderson 78-67 on Saturday night. This enabled the girls to raise their record to 6-4 for the season. They face two important conference games on Tuesday and Friday of this week at Sylva-Webster and at home with West Henderson, with

whom they are tied for third place in the Little Mac Conference at 3-2. They also play Rosman on Saturday night at home. The team jumped into a quick lead and were ahead 17-10 at the end of the first quarter. This was due in large part to the aggressive defense led by Carolyn Ramsey, Janet Reed and Cindy Shelton. The

Madison girls stretched this to 15 points just before the half. The team continued to widen their lead throughout the second half even though a rally by East Henderson narrowed the margin to 10 points at one time. Near the end of the fourth quarter, the lead reached 20 points, 70-50. Madison was led by the tournament's most valuable

player, Holly Hough, with 22; Sandy Franklin, all-tournament team center, with 13; and Beverly Bruce with 12 points. Reserves Felicia Bishop, Darlene Justice and Janice Plemmons contributed significantly to the victory. Coach Ricky McDevitt was pleased with the tournament championship and hoped it would prepare the team for

the tough schedule ahead of them. The most impressive factor in the two wins was the improved offensive play which netted an average of 80 points as compared to 57 for the first eight games.

SCORING  
MADISON: (78) — Bruce 12, Reed 9, Hough 22, Franklin 13, Ramsey 3, Shelton 5, Plem-

mons 2, Justice 8, Bishop 4, Davis, Gibson, Frisby, Sexton, English.

E. HENDERSON (67) — Williams 23, Freeman 2, Laugher 10, Whitmire 2, Cooley 4, Keeter 3, Cochran 2, Griffith 14, Summey 2, Thompson 4.

Halftime Score: Madison 40, East Henderson 29.

## Hunt Names E.Y. Ponder To State Crime Committee

Gov. Jim Hunt has named Sheriff E.Y. Ponder to the State's Crime Prevention and Public Information Committee.

The committee is an adjunct committee of the Governor's Crime Commission and is responsible for advising the commission on the most appropriate and effective way to make the public aware of the role individual citizens, businesses and community organizations need to play in the prevention and report of crimes.

The committee is composed of 50 members, appointed by the governor. Members serve terms of two years.

Sheriff Ponder will serve on the Local Law Enforcement Support Subcommittee which will advise the committee on the most appropriate means to strengthen the bond between citizens and law en-

forcement. Sheriff Ponder will also assist in the development of a crime prevention training program for law enforcement personnel.

## Mrs. Maria Cox To Head County Cancer Drive

Mrs. Maria Cox of Hayes Run has been elected president of the Madison County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She replaces Charles R. Tolley who served as president last year and was crusade chairman in 1976.

Mrs. Cox is presently dietician for the Madison County Child Development program and the four meal sites for the aging in Madison County. She has been with the programs since their inception and contributed much

time and money to make both programs effective. Her husband, David Cox, who is a member of the Madison High faculty, has contributed many hours with the programs also by doing plumbing, electric and carpentry work at each center.

Mrs. Cox is a native of Munich, Germany, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Naef, Swiss natives, now make their home. The Naefs have been visiting the Cox family for the past few months.

A graduate of the University of Munich, Mrs. Cox has lived in the United States the past 15 years. She worked with the Florida state public schools for several years before coming to live in Western North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have three children, Rose, Susan and David Jr.

Mrs. Cox received the "Diana" Award from the Beta Omega Sorority in 1976, and this year was presented the Public Relations Award from the Madison-Buncombe Opportunity Corp. at a recent

annual dinner meeting. Also serving with her as officers of the cancer society are Mrs. Dot Shupe, vice president; Mrs. Ernestine Plemmons, secretary; Mrs. Pat Haynie, treasurer; Mrs. Lucile Burnette, memorials; Mrs. Nancy Wilde, public education; Mrs. Amanda Caldwell, service and rehabilitation.

Mrs. Cox will soon announce plans for the Cancer Crusade to be held in April and name those who will participate.



MARIA COX

## Mars Hill Lions Honor Dr. Angel

At the close of their Annual Christmas Party for the Blind attended by the wives of the members on Monday night, the members of the Mars Hill Lions Club interrupted their program to present a plaque to a fellow Lion which was inscribed as follows: "Lion Grover Angel, the Mars Hill Lions Club is Extremely Proud of You and Heartily Congratulates You on Being Community Development 'Man-of-the

Year' 1978."

It was the third time in less than three weeks that Dr. Angel was so honored and the third successive time that he was completely taken by surprise. In presenting the plaque, J. Hughie Ray, the M.C. for the program, said, "Dr. Angel has brought great honor to the Greater Ivy Community, to Mars Hill, and to Madison County." Angel was then given a standing ovation